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RE: June 11, 1991 letter from EPA to
Commander, Atlantic Division
concerning Community Relations Plan
(CRP)

Dear Mr. Froede:

Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, received your letter concerning our CRP on June 14, 1991. This particular document was distributed to the Technical Review Committee (TRC) on July 25, 1990 for review and comment. We did not receive any comment from your office during the specified comment period established during the TRC meeting. On April 16, 1991, while meeting in Raleigh on the Site Management Plan, you inquired about the finalization of the draft final CRP. Our offer to provide TRC members a final cover sheet for the original document was accepted. The cover sheets were distributed in early May. Thus we are somewhat surprised and perplexed by your recent submittal.

Even though the comment period for this document concluded several months ago, we would like to address your comments point by point and offer some suggestions that will enhance MCB, Camp Lejeune's Community Relations effort.

1. Appendix B was intended to illustrate the numerous articles that have appeared in the Jacksonville Daily News concerning the Installation Restoration Program (IRP).

2. The Joint Public Affairs Office (JPAO) is the spokesperson for MCB, Camp Lejeune. JPAO plans, schedules and coordinates all activities for implementing the CRP as stated on page 15. The IRP Manager's name and telephone numbers were listed in the document as well.

3. There has been very little local community interest in the IRP to date. If there had been any interest, this would have been reported in the document.

4. The Speakers Bureau will not be used in the RI/FS process. This reference was referring to how MCB, Camp Lejeune has dealt with Community Relations on other non-environmental issues.

5. We do not understand your comment on Section 2.3, p.11. As you know, RI/FS's are scheduled to be conducted this fall on the Rifle Range Chemical Dump, New River Air Station Mercury Site, Lots 201 and 203 and a pump and treat system will be developed for the shallow aquifer in the Hadnot Point Industrial Area. In order to keep the public informed, this command sent out fact sheets and placed articles in the base newspaper as well as the Jacksonville Daily News concerning these sites. Several interviews were conducted to determine the most effective way to let the community understand what the IRP would be doing on these sites in the near future.

6. We agree with this comment. This information will be provided to the public in every RI/FS workplan.

7. We understand the guidelines for informing the community and feel our document has demonstrated this effort.

8. A major effort was made to contact local citizens as well as local and county government agencies for interview. We only interviewed individuals who agreed to speak with us. Many of the individuals we did interview from special interest groups are teachers, real estate agents, house wives, etc. Please define what you consider an "average" person to be.

9. - 10. We agree with these comments. This information will be provided on a site-by-site basis in the workplans.

In conclusion, we agree with your comment that this particular document is general versus site specific. However, the intention of this document was to lay down some ground rules on how CRP efforts would be handled as well as summarize all CRP activities that had occurred to date. Obviously, names of project managers, scopes of projects and policies change with time as in this case. In order to properly inform the community, we suggest placing a community relations plan update and schedule in each RI/FS workplan that is site specific. In addition, MCB, Camp Lejeune will continue to prepare fact sheets and news releases and conduct open sessions to the public on site assessments (See enclosure). We feel we have made every effort to keep the public informed and will continue to do so in the future with your participation.

If there are any further questions or comments, please call
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Sincerely,

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(1) Press release

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. -- An environmental cleanup Open House will be held at the Tarawa Terrace Community Center April 30. There will be two sessions; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Information at both sessions will address upcoming activities concerning the inspection and possible cleanup of suspected hazardous waste sites on Camp Lejeune at the following locations: Tarawa Terrace Dump, Crash Crew Burn Pit, Piney Green Road VOC Area, Paradise Point Golf Course and Old Creosote Plant.

Officials from the base will be on hand to explain the base's investigative efforts of the potential hazardous waste sites identified under the Federal Facilities Agreement. These sites have been identified by the EPA as needing further investigation to determine if they are hazardous or not.

The public is encouraged to attend.

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